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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Abstract of the invention as indicated below, wherein the amended text is marked up to show the changes made relative to the immediately prior version of the text.¹

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A method and apparatus for controlling a pest by at least partially coating the pest with a particulate material that incorporates a killing or behavior-modifying agent. The method and apparatus involve drawing the pest sufficiently close to a surface bearing the particulate material, which is rendered airborne by movement of the pest in the region of the surface. The particulate material becomes electrostatically charged as a result of being rendered airborne, so as to be electrostatically attracted and attached to the pest.

¹ Strikethroughs indicate deletions and underlining indicates insertions.